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ON SEPTEMBER 27 MOST DELHI ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SHORT NEWS ITEMS REPORTING THE RELAXATION OF GOI REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN SCHOLARS. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, TWO MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED THE STORY ON SEPTEMBER 26.

THE TIMES OF INDIA AND THE CALCUTTA EDITION OF THE STATESMAN HAVE NOW CARRIED EDITORIALS. THE STATESMAN EDITORIAL WAS REPORTED IN CALCUTTA'S SEPTEMBER 26 USINFO.

THE TIMES EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RIGHT DECISION" SAID RESTRICTIONS HAD "JUSTIFIABLY OR OTHERWISE" BECOME A BARRIER TO IMPROVEMENT OF INDO-US RELATIONS. IT SAID, "THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAD INTERPRETED THE RESTRICTIONS AS AN EXPRESSION OF NEW DELHI'S HOSTILITY" AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY MAINTAINED A NO INTERFERENCE STANCE, "IT MADE ITS REACTION KNOWN IN A NUMBER OF WAYS" ACCORDING TO THE TIMES THE RESTRICTIONS HAD ALSO ALIENATED INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN SCHOLARS

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WHO "HAVE QUITE OFTEN TAKEN UP CUDGELS WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATION

ON BEHALF OF INDIA." THE EDITORIAL MAINTAINED THAT THE GOI HAD PROVOCATION FOR THESE RESTRICTIONS BECAUSE THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HAD ALLOWED ITS REPUTATION "TO BE TARNISHED AS A RESULT OF COVERT ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE CIA, THE PENTAGON AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT." THE TIMES SAYS, THE GOI'S PREVIOUS POLICY WAS "APT TO ANNOY GENUINE FRIENDS" IN THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND PUT "ONE MORE OBSTACLE IN THE PATH OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES." THE TIMES MAINTAINED THAT THIS WAS NOT DESIRABLE AFTER THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD PROVED "HELPFUL ON THE LIQUIDATION OF PL-480 DEBTS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN ON THE OTHER."SCHNEIDER

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